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STARRED QUESTION NO:286
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power plants functioning under National Thermal Power Corporation are facing severe coal shortages as appeared in `Times of India` dated the July 19, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein;

(c) if so, the details of shortage of coal in each of the plants;

(d) whether NTPC has decided to construct `integrated` power plants having direct linkages to the coal mines to bring-down the dependence on coal companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the NTPC to ensure that the coal shortage would not affect the performance of thermal power plants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 286 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 12.08.2005 REGARDING SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER PLANTS.

(a) to (c) : A number of thermal power stations (TPSs) in the country are facing problem of inadequate supply of coal. As on 18th July, 2005, out of thirteen (13) coal based TPSs of NTPC, six (6) TPSs were `critical` i.e. having coal stock of less than 7 days and out of these two (2) stations were `super-critical`, i.e. having coal stock less than four (4) days. Names of the Super Critical Thermal Power Stations and Critical Thermal Power Stations of NTPC with the coal stock position against each of them as on 18th July, 2005 are tabulated below:

Sl. No.	Name of Super Critical Thermal Power Station	Coal stock in Number of days
1.	Rihand, Uttar Pradesh	0
2.	Korba, Chhattisgarh	3

Sl. No.	Name of Critical Thermal Power Station	Coal stock in Number of days
1.	Singrauli, Uttar Pradesh	4
2.	Vindhyachal, Madhya Pradesh	6
3.	Farakka, West Bengal	4
4.	Talcher (Kaniha), Orissa	6

(d) & (e) : NTPC has contemplated development of integrated coal mining cum thermal power projects close to coal mine in Chhattisgarh and Orissa for benefits in 11th and 12th Plans.

(f) : NTPC has planned to import 3.98 Million Tonnes during the year 2005-06 so that the performance of their thermal power plants are not affected. NTPC has tied up import of 2.1 Million Tonnes so far and the arrangements for import of balance quantity are in process.